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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 12, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Amend claims 1-32 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of preventing or treating arthrosis in a subject, the method comprising administering to the subject a composition comprising (a) a substance that modulates signal transduction mediated by AILIM, and (b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the composition comprises an amount of the substance effective to prevent or treat arthrosis in the subject.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the substance inhibits proliferation of AILIM-expressing cells or inhibits production of a cytokine by AILIM-expressing cells.

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3. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the cytokine is interferon γ or interleukin 4.

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